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NILEKANI TO JOIN PANEL ON CURBING DIGITAL MONOPOLY

Infosys' Nandan Nilekani to be on a 9-member council to expedite the launch of an open e-commerce platform

The advisory council would recommend measures needed to design and accelerate the adoption of the Open Network For Digital Commerce. The announcement comes at a time when the govt has proposed amendments to e-comm rules and Consumer Protection Act to prevent dominance by market leaders, preferential treatment of a few sellers and deep discounts

Nilekani was the Chairman of the UIDAI, which issues Aadhaar

Grim Reaper, not state, sets Stan Swamy free at 84

Jesuit priest had just about recovered from Covid but suffered cardiac arrest on Saturday

MUKESH RANJAN AND SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Ranchi/Mumbai

JESUIT priest and tribal rights activist Father Stan Swamy, arrested in connection with the Elgar Parishad case, passed away at a Mumbai hospital on Monday shortly before the Bombay High Court took up his plea for bail. He was 84.

Swamy had been languishing in Mumbai's Taloja Jail ever since the National Investigation Agency (NIA) arrested him under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) on October 8 last year. The High Court had on May 28 told state prison authorities to shift him to the private Holy Family Hospital in Bandra.

STAN SWAMY
26 April 1937
■ 5 July 2021

On July 3, the HC slated his bail plea for hearing on July 6. However, his lawyers moved the court on Monday seeking urgent hearing after his health deteriorated and he was put on ventilator.

Earlier on March 23, special judge D E Kothalikar had refused bail even on health grounds saying the "collective interest of the community would outweigh Swamy's right to personal liberty" given the seriousness of the allegations made against Swamy. "As such the old age and or alleged sickness of the applicant would not go in his favour," he said.

Prima facie Swamy had hatched a "serious conspiracy" with members of a banned Maoist outfit to create unrest and to overthrow the government, the court had ruled, while refusing bail.

On Monday, when a bench comprising justices S S Shinde and N J Jamadar took up the bail plea around 2.30 pm, counsel Mihir Desai urged the court to hear Dr Ian D'souza, director of the Holy Family Hospital. He broke the news of Swamy's demise at 1.24 pm. Swamy had suffered cardiac arrest on Saturday and count not be revived, the doctor said, adding, "Cause of death is definitely pulmonary infection and Parkinson's disease among others." A shocked bench said, "With all humility at our command, we are sorry to know that Stan Swamy passed away. We have no words to express." P7, 10

45:45:10 FORMULA TO EVALUATE PU II STUDENTS

Karnataka Government has evolved a 45:45:10 formula to evaluate Second PU students for 2020-21

SSLC/ equivalent exam marks **45%** PU I marks

10% PU II internal assessment marks

RESULTS: Before July 31, 2021

State Govt presented the formula to the Karnataka High Court on Monday

EXAMS BY August 31

RESULTS BY September 20

FOR REPEATERS

- All 76,387 candidates to be passed
- Private students who had failed last year's PU II exams too will go through
- Pass marks + 5% grace marks for all repeaters/private candidates
- If repeater students are not satisfied with their earlier PU II marks, they can appear for the exam to be conducted once the pandemic situation eases. Marks obtained in that exam will be final.
- 17,477 private candidates who have directly enrolled for PU II exam have to appear for exams

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CBSE announces new pattern of X, XII boards

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THE CBSE has decided to rationalise the syllabi of classes X and XII for the 2021 batch and hold boards over two terms, with each covering 50% of the syllabi. The syllabi for the session 2021-22 would be divided into two terms based on a systematic approach, with subject experts looking into the interconnectivity of topics.

In a circular to all the heads of schools affiliated to it, the board said it would hold the Term I exam within a flexible 4-8 week window between November and December. The Term I paper would be multiple choice question-based. However, it has kept its options open on holding the exam either from centres or homes based on future situations.

For Term II, proposed between March and April, the board is mulling a 2-hour paper in different formats like case or situation-based, open ended short or long answer type. If the situation is not conducive, it might go for a 90-minute MCQ-based exam.

FOUR SCENARIOS

- **If students are able to come to centres:** The board will conduct Term I and Term II exams at centres and the theory marks will be distributed equally
- **If schools are closed during Nov-Dec, but Term II exams are held at centres:** Term I MCQ based examination will be conducted from home, but its weightage for the final score would be reduced, and weightage of Term II will be increased
- **If schools are closed during March-April 2022, but Term I exams are held at schools:** Results will be based on the performance of students on Term I MCQ based exam and internal assessment. The weightage of marks of Term I exam conducted by the board will be increased to provide year-end results of candidates
- **If schools are closed during both the terms:** Results will be computed based on internals, practical, project work and theory marks of both terms from home

Stalin can say no, but we will build Mekedatu project: CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

A day after Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin urged his Karnataka counterpart BS Yediyurappa not to pursue the Mekedatu reservoir project, the Karnataka government on Monday reiterated that it will go ahead with it.

The State Government will take administrative and legal measures and Mekedatu project work will start, read a statement by the Chief Minister's Office on Monday. The Water Resources portfolio is held by Yediyurappa.

Tamil Nadu has filed a petition (Miscellaneous Application) in 2018, but there are no hurdles to implement the project, the CMO stated. As the new government has been formed in Tamil Nadu, a letter explaining the advantages of the project was written. But without understanding the project properly, Tamil Nadu is opposing it for political reasons, the CMO stated. Stalin had asked Karnataka not to go ahead with the project while responding to Yediyurappa's letter asking the TN government not to oppose the project. P7

People still being booked under old online laws, says SC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Monday issued notice to the Centre, expressing shock over continued booking of cases under Section 66A of the IT Act that had been struck down way back in 2015.

The section was meant to punish those sending online communication deemed "grossly offensive and menacing." The SC had annulled the provision, calling it "vague and arbitrary".

The notice came on a petition filed by an NGO, the People's Union for Civil Liberties, highlighting that 745 cases under Section 66A are still pending before various trial courts, six years after the SC struck it down in its verdict in the Shreya Singhal vs Union of India case. As per the plea, 1,307 cases have been filed under the section, since the 2015 judgment.

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BIG EVENT

Kamala Harris to attend B'luru Tech Summit?

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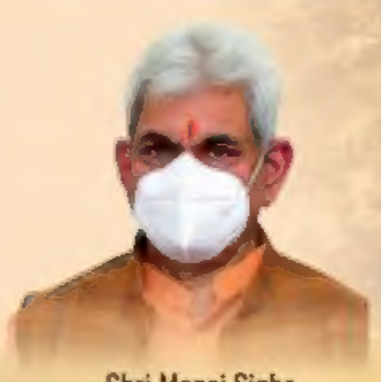
IF all goes as planned, Karnataka' flagship event – Bengaluru Tech Summit 21 – may be attended by US Vice-President Kamala Harris and PM Narendra Modi, which is to be held from November 17 to 19 in a hybrid format.

In view of the possible Covid third wave, Deputy Chief Minister Dr CN Aswath Narayan, who also holds the IT/BT and Science & Technology portfolio, announced on Monday that the conclave, with the tagline 'Driving the Next', will comprise more of virtual and a little of physical mode. Harris and Modi will be invited for the summit, he said. P13



Shri Manoj Sinha
Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, J&K

Shri Amarnathji
Virtual Pooja/Hawan/
Prasad Booking

Launching Today on 6th July, 2021

Devotees can perform virtual Pooja/ virtual Hawan in their name and also book Prasad through the Shrine Board's link

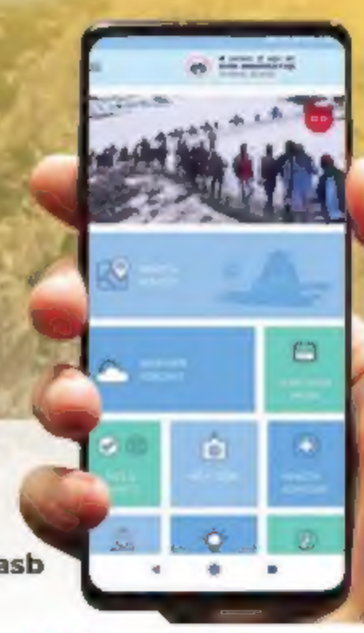
https://jksasb.nic.in/online_service.aspx

or mobile app 'Shri Amarnathji Yatra' available on Google Play Store

Options available for devotees

- Virtual Pooja (In Shri Amarnathji's Darbar) : ₹1100/-
- Virtual Pooja plus Prasad (with 5gm Silver Coin of Shri Amarnathji) : ₹2100/-
- Virtual Pooja plus Prasad (with 10 gm Silver Coin of Shri Amarnathji) : ₹3100/-
- Virtual Special Hawan at Holy Shrine : ₹5100/-

- Once the booking is done, the Shrine Board would share the link and date/time on the registered mobile number/ e-mail id of the devotee. The virtual Pooja or virtual Hawan would be performed as per the slots booked.
- A dedicated channel on My Jio TV application wherein the devotees can watch live Darshan anytime in the day.
- Live Darshan of morning and evening aarti on www.shriamarnathjishrine.com, 'Shri Amarnathji' app and MH1 Prime



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